

Manchester Arts
arts at the crossroads

FOCUS 2015

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Download entry forms at: manchestermo.gov/arts

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Some award-winning photos
from FOCUS 2014

DROP OFF PHOTOS AND ENTRY FORMS

3–6 pm Monday, April 6

3–9 pm Tuesday, April 7

Manchester Police Facility

(2nd Floor Courtroom Lobby)

200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011

FOCUS 2015 COMPETITION EXHIBIT

Exhibit Hours:

10 am–5 pm Friday, April 17

10 am–5 pm Saturday, April 18

1–3 pm Sunday, April 19

Manchester United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall (West Entrance)

129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, MO 63011

Opening Night Reception:

6–8 pm Friday, April 17 (Free Food and Music!)

Awards Program, 7 pm

FOCUS 2015 AWARDS EXHIBIT

9 am–8 pm (7 days a week)

from Tuesday, April 21–Friday, May 29

Manchester Police Facility

(2nd Floor 'Courtroom Gallery')

200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011

PICK UP PHOTOS

Photos Not Selected for Awards:

3–9 pm Sunday, April 19

Manchester United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall Lobby (West Entrance)

129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, MO 63011

8:30 am–4:30 pm (M–F)

Monday, April 20–Friday, June 19

Manchester City Hall (Historic Lyceum)

14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011

Award-Winning Photos:

6–9 pm Friday, May 29

Manchester Police Facility

(2nd Floor Courtroom Lobby)

200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011

8:30 am–4:30 pm (M–F)

Monday, June 1–Friday, June 19

Manchester City Hall (Historic Lyceum)

14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011

All photos must be claimed by June 19.

FOCUS 2015 is an open-themed competition and exhibition, **FREE** to enter and attend, and open to all residents of the greater St. Louis metro area, ages 5 and up. Submit your best (*family-friendly*) photographs (*3 images maximum*.)

All Ages and Skill Levels Welcome!

Photos may be of **anything** you choose, created **anywhere**.

PHOTOS WILL BE JUDGED WITHIN THREE (3) AGE CATEGORIES:

(Y) Youth, ages 5–13; **(YA) Young Adult**, ages 14–20;

and **(A) Adult**, ages 21 and over.

Cash prizes will be awarded to all award winners in all age categories. All winners receive a prize ribbon, award certificate, prize check, and public recognition at the opening reception awards program. All photos entered, will be displayed. **Cash prizes totaling more than \$1,600 will be awarded to winning photographers.**

SPECIAL AWARDS:

The West St. Louis County Rotary Club 'People's Choice' Award, will be presented to the photograph that receives the most votes from exhibit visitors April 17–19, via a secret ballot process (one vote per visitor.) The Manchester Arts 'My Manchester' Award will be presented to the photograph that best illustrates the unique quality of life enjoyed by residents of the Manchester, MO area.

JUDGES:

Robin Hirsch-Steinhoff — Artistic Director; Art Saint Louis

Tom Lang — Professor, Art Department Chair; Webster University

Judging will be based on strength of subject, creativity, and overall excellence.

FOCUS 2015 is a community arts event presented by Manchester Arts, with funding from the City of Manchester and the Regional Arts Commission.

Major program support is provided by West Newsmagazine, the West St. Louis County Rotary Club, and the Manchester United Methodist Church.



COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **FOCUS 2015 is an open-themed competition and exhibition, free to enter, and open to all residents of the greater St. Louis metro area.** ALL skill levels are welcome and encouraged, ages 5 and up. Submit your best photographs, three (3) images, maximum. There are absolutely NO subject restrictions or geographical limitations—photos may be of ANYTHING (*family-friendly*) you choose, created ANYWHERE.
- B. **Photos will be judged within three (3) age categories:** Youth, ages 5–13 (**Y**); Young Adult, ages 14–20 (**YA**); and Adult, ages 21 and over (**A**). Choose your age category based upon your age as of April 17, 2015.
- C. **Cash prizes will be awarded to all award winners** (*1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.*) in all age categories, including Honorable Mention prizes. More prizes are proportionately awarded in the larger categories. All winners receive a ribbon, award certificate, prize check, and public recognition at the opening reception awards program. Winners will be notified during the week prior to the awards program. Prizes total more than \$1,600.
- D. **JUDGES:** Robin Hirsch-Steinhoff, Artistic Director of Art Saint Louis; Tom Lang, Professor and Art Department Chair at Webster University.
- E. **Judging will be based on strength of subject, creativity, and overall excellence. All judging decisions are final.**
- F. **SPECIAL AWARDS:** The West St. Louis County Rotary Club 'People's Choice' Award, will be presented to the photograph that receives the most votes from exhibit visitors April 17–19, via a secret ballot process (*one vote per visitor*.) The Manchester Arts 'My Manchester' Award will be presented to the photograph that best illustrates the unique quality of life enjoyed by residents of the Manchester, MO area.
- G. **All photos received will be displayed — photos may not be removed until the close of each exhibit.** Winners' names and photographs will be featured on the Manchester Arts website manchestermo.gov/arts and Facebook page facebook.com/manchester.arts.mo. Members of the MA Board and FOCUS Team are not eligible to enter — all other Manchester Arts members may enter and compete for prizes.
- H. **We do encourage the sale of your work**, but no sales can be made on-site at any of our exhibits. Please determine the value of your work, or mark them Not For Sale (NFS.) Purchase requests will be forwarded privately to the photographer. No art commission will be collected.
- I. Our FREE public photography exhibit is open **April 17–19, 2015**, in the **Fellowship Hall (West Entrance)** of the **Manchester United Methodist Church**, 129 Woods Mill Rd., Manchester, MO 63011. The opening reception is from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, April 17, with prizes awarded beginning at 7 pm. The exhibit will also be open from 10 am to 5 pm on Friday, April 17, from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, April 18, and from 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, April 19, 2015.
- J. **The FOCUS 2015 Awards Exhibit**, a FREE display of all of the award-winning (including Honorable Mention) photographs, will be open for daily public viewing from 9 am to 8 pm, seven days a week, in the second floor **Courtroom Gallery** at the **Manchester Police Facility**, 200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011. This exhibit will run Tuesday, **April 21** through Friday, **May 29**.

PHOTO ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS

- A. **Each photographer may submit in person a maximum of three (3) printed photo entries**, either color or black & white, created in the past two years, created in-camera either on film or with any digital device, including cameras, phones or tablets, etc.
- B. Image(s) must be **PRIMARILY photographic in origin**, and may be enhanced via darkroom or digital post-processing/editing. All unique artistic styles and techniques used to create or process the final image(s) will be allowed.
- C. Image(s) must be the original work of, and created solely by, the competition entrant.
- D. **Image(s) MUST be family-friendly**, meet acceptable standards, and may not contain objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the final and binding discretion of the competition sponsor, Manchester Arts.
- E. **All entries must be matted or mounted on light-weight mat board, foam core, metal, etc. NO frames or glass.** (*Gallery wraps are accepted.*)
- F. **Neutral-colored matting is required**—please choose black, white, or any shade of gray if you mat your photo(s).
- G. **Minimum photo entry size** (*including mat board dimensions, or flush-mounted*) **is 8 x 10 inches.**
- H. **Maximum photo entry size** (*including mat board dimensions, or flush-mounted*) **is 20 x 24 inches.**
- I. **Minimum image size is 4 x 6 inches** (*mounted on an 8 x 10 inch minimum mat.*)
- J. **Maximum image size is 20 x 24 inches** (*flush mounted.*)
- K. Multiple images (such as a diptych or triptych) that are displayed together on the same mat board (not to exceed 20 x 24 inches maximum entry size), are considered to be ONE entry for this competition.
- L. Photographers may not submit work that was entered in a previous Manchester Arts photo competition.
- M. **Completed entry form** (*included*) **must be legibly printed, with the waiver signed, and presented in person at drop-off.**
- N. **Name, title** (*or description*), **and age category initials** (**Y** for Youth, ages 5–13; **YA** for Young Adult, ages 14–20; or **A** for Adult, ages 21+) should be printed legibly (or attached using the included entry labels) on the back of each photo entry, at the very **TOP** of the board, indicating the orientation of the photo.
- O. **Please do not imprint, watermark, or attach your name onto your photograph(s).** This is a 'blind' judging process — your identity must be unknown.

PHOTO DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- A. **There is no entry fee.** Photo entries for FOCUS 2015 are to be hand-delivered to Manchester Arts representatives, in the second floor Courtroom Gallery lobby at the **Manchester Police Facility**, 200 Highlands Blvd. Dr, Manchester, MO 63011. Photo drop-off times are from **3–6 pm on Monday, April 6**, and from **3–9 pm on Tuesday, April 7**. Manchester Arts reserves the right to reject any photo entry that does not meet the criteria set forth in this Call for Entries. Please bring completed, signed Entry Forms (*attached*) when dropping off photos.
- B. Non-winning photographs may be picked up at the end of the exhibit, at the **Manchester United Methodist Church**, from **3–9 pm on Sunday, April 19**, in the West entrance lobby. Any remaining non-winning photos may be picked up at your convenience, from 8 am to 4:30 pm (*M–F*) from **Monday, April 20 through Friday, June 19**, at the **Manchester City Hall**, 14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011.
- C. Award-winning photos will be moved to our FOCUS 2015 Awards Exhibit, at the **Manchester Police Facility** (*see general info, above*.) These photos may be picked up at the end of that exhibit, at the **Courtroom Gallery from 6 to 9 pm on Friday, May 29**. After that, the award-winning photos may also be picked up at the **Manchester City Hall (Historic Lyceum)** 14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011, from 8 am to 4:30 pm (*Monday–Friday*) beginning **Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 19**.
- D. **Manchester Arts will not be responsible for photographs not claimed by our deadline of 4:30 pm on Friday, June 19, 2015.**

Please read all of the **Call for Entries** information and **Competition Rules** before filling out this Entry Form.
Fill in this Entry Form page on your computer and print it out, or print out this blank page, and write in the info.

BRING THIS ENTIRE, COMPLETED, SIGNED PAGE WHEN YOU DROP OFF YOUR PHOTO(S).

Name

Address

City State ZIP

Email

Phone Age Category (Y, YA, or A)

School (Y and YA categories only)

Entry 1 Title Price
(or NFS)

Entry 2 Title Price
(or NFS)

Entry 3 Title Price
(or NFS)

AGREEMENT/WAIVER

- A.** All precautions will be taken in handling photographs, but Manchester Arts cannot assume liability for loss or damage.
- B. Publicity release:** Artists entering this contest agree that the City of Manchester and Manchester Arts have permission to reproduce this work (with credit) for a period of one year, for promotional purposes.
- C.** Entrants agree that all award-winning (and any possible additional selected) photographs may be retained by Manchester Arts for a period of up to 60 days, for further public exhibitions.
- D.** By entering this contest, the entrant agrees (a) to be bound by the rules of this competition, and (b) that the decision(s) of the contest sponsors and of the judges, are final and binding with respect to all matters relating to the competition.
- E.** By entering this contest, the entrant hereby releases and discharges Manchester Arts, the City of Manchester, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any and all liability and injuries sustained or loss incurred by virtue of participation in any of the identified programs, and agrees to hold each of them harmless with respect thereto.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

(Parent/Guardian must sign for any competition entrant under 18 years of age.)

Please attach the following information onto the back of each entry
(at the very TOP of the mat board) using any of these methods:

- A. Fill in the info on your computer, print out labels, and attach them onto the backs of entries;
- B. Print out blank entry labels, legibly write in the info, and attach;
- C. Write the info directly onto the back of the entries, using large, legible printing.

ENTRY 1

Your Name

Title
(or brief description)

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR AGE CATEGORY:

Y

(Youth, ages 5–13)

YA

(Young Adult, ages 14–20)

A

(Adult, ages 21 and over)

ENTRY 2

Your Name

Title
(or brief description)

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR AGE CATEGORY:

Y

(Youth, ages 5–13)

YA

(Young Adult, ages 14–20)

A

(Adult, ages 21 and over)

ENTRY 3

Your Name

Title
(or brief description)

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR AGE CATEGORY:

Y

(Youth, ages 5–13)

YA

(Young Adult, ages 14–20)

A

(Adult, ages 21 and over)